

Amrit Sarovar Mission

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In news— Recently, a high level meeting was held to review the progress of the Amrit Sarovar Mission under the chairmanship of Secretary, Rural Development Ministry.

About the Mission-

- With a view to conserve water for the future, **the Prime Minister of India launched a new Mission on Amrit Sarovar on 24th April 2022.**
- The Mission is **aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.**
- **This Mission has been launched with a whole of Government Approach in which 6 Ministries/Department namely—**
 1. Dept of Rural Development.
 2. Department of land resources.
 3. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
 4. Department of Water resources.
 5. Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
 6. Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate changes.
- Bhaskaracharya **National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) has been engaged as Technical partner** for the Mission.
- The Mission works through the States and Districts, through refocusing of various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants, PMKSY sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, Har Khet Ko Pani besides States' own schemes.
- **The Mission is to be completed by 15th August 2023.**
- Around 50,000 such Amrit Sarovar may be constructed in the country and **each of these Amrit Sarovar will have approx. area of 1 acre with a water holding capacity of**

10,000 cubic meter.

- People's participation in the Mission is the focal point.
- **Local freedom fighters, their family members, Martyr's family members, Padma Awardee** and citizens of the local area wherein an Amrit Sarovar is to be constructed, **will be engaged at all stages.**
- On every 15th August, National Flag hoisting will be organised on every Amrit Sarovar site.

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